margin money under REGP and an amount of Rs. 9.72 crores has been earmarked for the year 2003-04. Further, allocation for the rest of the Tenth plan period will be based on the performance of the State.

Setting up of agro-based industries

†3015. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan to promote setting up of agro-based industries in the rural areas of different States;

(b) if so, the outline thereof and since when it has been initiated;

(c) whether Government have allotted any fixed amount to each State under the same scheme; and

(d) if so, the said amounts for the year 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the promotion and development of village industries sector including agro-based industries, the Government is implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in the country. The programme is under implementation since 01.04.1995. Under this scheme margin money is provided at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining project cost. For SC/ST and other weaker sections, margin money at the rate of 30% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project is provided. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is 10% of the project cost, but in the case of SC/ST and other weaker sections, the beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. The State-wise targets for the projects to be financed and employment generation for the year 2003-04 is given Statement *(See* below)

(c) and (d) For the year 2003-04, the allocation for REGP is Rs. 210.00 crores for the country. However, no fixed allocation is made State-wise.

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Statement

State-wise target for projects to be financed and employment generation for the Year 2003-04 under REGP

SI.No.	States/Union Territories	No. of projects	Employment (in persons)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1199	18824
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	67	1052
3.	Assam	1381	21682
4.	Bihar	1230	19311
5.	Goa	434	6814
6.	Gujarat	658	10331
7.	Haryana	673	10566
8.	Himachal Pradesh	590	926.
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	620	9734
10.	Karnataka	1231	19327
11.	Kerala	1139	17882
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1037	16281
13.	Maharashtra	1941	30474
14.	Manipur	73	1146
15.	Meghalaya	385	6045
16.	Mizoram	118	1853
17.	Nagaland	237	3721
18.	Orissa	916	14381
19.	Punjab	1261	19798
20.	Rajasthan	2098	32829
21.	Sikkim	84	1319
22.	Tamil Nadu	1122	17615
23.	Tripura	260	4082
24.	Uttar Pradesh	2105	33048
25.	West Bengal	2413	37868
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	42	659
27.	Chandigarh	86	1350
28.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	02	31
29.	Daman & Diu	02	31
30.	Delhi	35	550
31.	Lakshadweep	01	16
32.	Pondicherry	09	141

SI. No.	States/Union Territories	NO. of projects	Employment (in persons)
33.	Chhattisgarh	502	7881
34.	Jharkhand	671	10535
35.	Uttaranchal	631	9907
	TOTAL	25253	396457

Rural industries in Uttaranchal

†3016.SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons engaged in rural industries based on agriculture in Uttaranchal;

(b) the details of steps being taken to promote the agriculture based industries in the State;

(c) whether the State Government have requested for any financial package to improve the conditions of the rural industries of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) The estimated number of persons engaged in agro and rural industries set up under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in the State of Uttranchal since its inception is 38,800.

(b) To promote the village industries including agro based industries in the country including Uttaranchal, the Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in the country including Uttaranchal. Under his scheme, margin money is provided at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining project cost. SC/ST and other weaker sections, margin money at the rate of 30% of of10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project is provided. Under this scheme The, the beneficiary's contribution is 10% of the project cost, but in the case of SC/ST and other weaker sections the beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks etc. In order to further

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